

C O N F I D E N T I A L

WEEKLY HOT ISSUES REPORT FOR RA/DRA

WEEK ENDING JULY 4, 2008

OFFICE OF ECOSYSTEMS PROTECTION AND REMEDIATION

***LIBBY ASBESTOS SITE:** During a response call concerning the former Export Plant (OU1) on June 30, 2008, Mike Cirian (Libby On-Site RPM) observed some visible vermiculite in the parking area. Upon further inspection this vermiculite was not part of the existing vermiculite material that has been observed in this area in the past. There is a very distinct line of vermiculite on the surface of the parking area along the river side of the road in the main parking area. Mike believes this material did not work its way up from the soils and it did not come from any of the contractor's equipment. We know it did not work its way through the soils because of the size of the vermiculite pieces and the quantities and the general makeup of this material. We also know it did not come from the contractors vehicles because the contractors are only bringing water trucks in the area to collect water for other project sites and if it did come from source it should be mixed with soils or building materials. Mike worked with the contractors to go ahead and start to remove the vermiculite material found by vacuuming up this area on July 1, 2008. Once the areas are completely cleaned, the plan will be to run clearance samples using the current protocols for verification. Tony Berget (Libby's Mayor) was notified and joined Mike Cirian at the site to let him know what was found and what the plan was to address the issue.

Informational purposes only, no action is necessary.

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